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**765—1.1(327I) Definitions.** The definitions in Iowa Code chapter 327I are hereby adopted. In addition, the following terms when used in these chapters of rules shall have the following meanings:

*Applicants*. Direct users or providers of railway facilities for freight transportation services, and cities, counties, or other financially responsible persons.

Discount rate. The rate at which cash flows are time adjusted; the required rate of return on an investment.

IRFA. The Iowa railway finance authority.

Present value. The current worth of the future cash flows of an asset.

*Project.* A specific plan or design for rehabilitation, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, alteration, improvement, or extension of railway facilities.

*Project life.* The period over which benefits and costs are measured and discounted, a period representing the expected life of the assets acquired or improvements made by the project.

Secretary. Director of transportation.

*Staff.* The staff of the department of transportation.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 327I.4 and 327I.6.